

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed December 10, 2007. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and pending claims are respectfully requested.

I. Election Requirement

Applicant thanks the Examiner for withdrawal of the election requirement. Applicant notes for the record, however, that Applicant did not argue that the embodiments described in relation to Figures 3 and 6 are "not different at all," as suggested in the Office Action. Instead, Applicant stated that the embodiments described in relation to Figures 3 and 6 are not different *species* at all. Therefore, although not directed to different species, the disclosures associated with Figures 3 and 6 clearly are different.

II. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 20-26 and 32-34 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being drawn to non-statutory subject matter. In response to the rejection, Applicant has amended remaining claims 20-26 so that they are now directed to a "computer-readable medium". Applicant respectfully submits that the claims define statutory subject matter as required by 35 U.S.C. § 101. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn.

III. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-34 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Nguyen, et al.* ("Nguyen," U.S. Pat. No. 6,825,941) in view of *Chien, et al.* ("Chien," U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0066021).

As indicated above, Applicant has amended remaining independent claims 1, 20, and 27 through this Response. In view of those amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections are now moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn.

Turning to the merits of the claims, Applicant first asserts that it would not have been obvious to modify Nguyen's system to "intercept" a call requesting presentation of a standard user interface of a printer given that Nguyen intentionally designed his "universal printer driver" to incorporate content from "minidrivers." Therefore, there is no need to "intercept" any such calls. Furthermore, to modify Nguyen's universal printer driver so as not to be configured to incorporate such content (in which case interception would be necessary) would contradict the spirit of Nguyen's disclosure. Specifically, the point of providing a universal printer driver is to enable such incorporation. Therefore, irrespective of Chien's disclosure, a person having ordinary skill in the art would not be motivated to change Nguyen's system to intercept calls requesting a standard user interface.

As a further matter, Applicant notes that neither Nguyen nor Chien contemplates modifying a user interface of a printer such that the interface can be used to control other equipment beyond the printer.

IV. Canceled Claims

Claims 4, 11-19, and 32-34 have been canceled from the application without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to present these canceled claims, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequently.

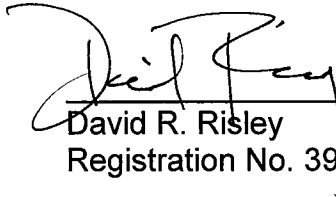
V. New Claims

Claims 35-37 have been added into the application through this Response. Applicant respectfully submits that these new claims describe an invention novel and unobvious in view of the prior art of record and, therefore, respectfully requests that these claims be held to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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